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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING ALPHA-
SUBSTITUTED CARBOXYLIC ACIDS
USING NITRILASES AND STRECKER
REAGENTS (AS AMENDED)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 05, 2007 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due May 05, 2007. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to July 05, 2007, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.